

Memorial Announcement: A Celebration of Life will take place here at St. Matthew's on Saturday, August 15, for Mary Beltzman. Visitation starts at 10:00 AM with the memorial service at 11:00 AM.



Please join us for a mission opportunity on Thursday, August 20 from 9:30 AM-2:00 PM when we will go to Crossroads in Detroit to serve and cook a meal, do a craft and play Bingo with the kids in the community. We are collecting new or used books to give to the families. See the bin outside the office to place donated books. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hall and contact Jenny Ronayne with questions.



Mission Opportunity: During August we will be collecting for the Society of St. Andrew, which is an organization that through gleaning and fundraising helps to feed the hungry throughout the United States. Forty-eight million people, nearly 1 in 5 children at times, do not have enough to eat. You can learn more about the Society of St. Andrew at <https://endhunger.org>. If you would like to support this charity financially, if giving by check please make the check to **St. Matthew's UMC**, then indicate on your giving envelope, "Missions – St. Andrew." If giving online through Tithe.ly, please select Missions, then indicate St. Andrew in the comments. Or if you would prefer to bring in canned or boxed food, we will collect and deliver to a local food pantry. As always, thank you for your support and generosity.

Attendance If you are worshipping with us in person, please be sure to fill out the Connection Card found either as an insert to this bulletin or on the table in the narthex. This is how we know how many people are in church today!

If you're reading your bulletin and worshipping with us online, please say "hi" in the comments section on our YouTube page, or fill out the "Sunday Morning Check-in" on our website: <https://www.stmatthewslivonia.org/worship>.

In addition to attendance being important for us to have for reporting purposes to the district, it also serves as a way for us to know if someone hasn't been around in a while so we can check up on them!

Weekly Events

- SUNDAY 8/2**
9:30 AM | Emmanuel Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
10:30 AM | Worship (Sanctuary/Online)*
11:30 AM | Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 PM | Life Church Worship (Sanctuary, Nursery, 107/108)
- MONDAY 8/3**
9:30 AM | Rental: Volleyball (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM | Youth Handbell Camp (Fellowship Hall)
- TUESDAY 8/4**
8:00 AM | Cass Delivery (off-site)
10:00 AM | Book Club (Chapel)
6:00 PM | Youth Handbell Camp (Fellowship Hall)
- WEDNESDAY 8/5**
8:00 AM | Coffee at Anastasia & Katie's (19215 Merriman)
9:00 AM | Memorial Garden Care
6:00 PM | Life Church Worship/Youth Service (Sanct, 107/108)
6:00 PM | Youth Handbell Camp (Fellowship Hall)
- THURSDAY 8/6**
9:00 AM | Little Guys & Dolls Event (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM | Barbershop Quartet Practice (Music Room)
6:00 PM | Youth Handbell Camp (Fellowship Hall)
7:30 PM | Youth Handbell Recital (Fellowship Hall)
- FRIDAY 8/7**
8:00 AM | Cass Delivery (off-site)
9:30 AM | Rental: Volleyball (Fellowship Hall)
- SATURDAY 8/8**
11:00 AM | Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)

*Join our worship livestream on our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsag8vGI-eNZsYQUUGKIO5A>

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St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

August 2, 2026



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August 2, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service
"Soul Food"

Gathering Music/Prelude

Call to Worship*

One: The Lord is present in his sanctuary,
All: Let us praise the Lord.
One: The Lord is present in his people here,
All: Let us praise the Lord.
One: The Lord is present with a message of hope,
All: Let us praise the Lord! Amen!

Opening Song*

"God Will Take Care of You"UMH #130

Welcoming

Pastor Chris

Passing of the Peace

(We greet one another as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you." We respond with, "And also with you.")

Children's Time

Pastor Chris
(Children K-12 are welcome in the Youth Room for Faith & Friends)

Anthem

"I Must Tell Jesus"Jim Wozniak

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastor Chris

Giving Thanks in Offering

Pastor Chris

Offertory

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"Jim Wozniak

Doxology*

UMH #95

Scripture Reading

John 6:24-35Liturgist

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is

the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Leader: A holy word for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Soul Food"Pastor Chris

Communion

- see handout/screen -Pastor Chris

Announcements

Kelly Henry

Closing Song*

"To God Be the Glory"UMH #98

Benediction*

Pastor Chris

*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

Attendance 7/26 - In church: 55 | Online: 35

Accompanist: Bob Bartkowiak

Song Leader: Karen Harkness

Guest Soloist: Jim Wozniak

Liturgist: Marie Adams

Communion Stewards: Marie Adams and Alyson Gay

Coffee Hour Host: Kelly Henry

A/V Tech: Kelly Henry

Ushers: Ken Duluk and Fabian Lanzy

Acolytes: Emma Allshouse, Deanna Allshouse, and Ashleigh Dudas





Today's altar flowers are given with lots of love by Henry Pigeon to celebrate his mommy, Ashley Pigeon, on her birthday!

"This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers...

Barbara Bloom - health concern
Marilyn Bone - health concern
Ray Coram (cleaning staff) - recovering from knee surgery
Bev Dabliz - health concern
Todd Davis - son's health concern
Joan Fulton - health concern
Judy Harris - health concern
Carolyn Seal - recovering from knee surgery



St. Matthew's Prayer Card

Date:_____

From: _____

(Please indicate your name or anonymous)

JOYS:

CONCERNS:
